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CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMMES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced Child Health Programme in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the details of amount allocated by the Government for the said programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme is under the implementation in all States including all districts of Bihar. A number of Child Health interventions including immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, management of acute respiratory infections and diarrhoeal diseases, essential new-born care and prophylaxis against nutritional anemia and vitamin A deficiency are under implementation in all districts of the State as part of the RCH programme.

Financial assistance of Rs. 11.97 crore and assistance in kind amounting to Rs. 47.04 crore was provided during 1999-2000 to Bihar for the RCH programme including Child Health interventions.

In addition to the interventions under the RCH Programme, Pulse Polio campaign is being conducted every year in all the districts of the State. Vaccine is being procured centrally and supplied to the States. Cash assistance to the tune of Rs. 1695.690 lakh was provided to the States for implementing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Social Mobilization, Booth Management transport, Mobility and contingencies. For Cold Chain Maintenance Rs.17.29 lakh were provided to the State of Bihar during 1999-2000.

A UNICEF supported Project ` Border Districts Cluster Strategy` has been introduced for providing focussed interventions and inputs for reducing the infant and maternal mortality rates by atleast half of the prevailing rates in the districts at present over a period of two to three years. From Bihar, West-Singhbhoum, East-Singhbhoum and Ranchi have been included under the Project.